

‘No Kings’ Protests Sweep The Nation Rejecting the Current Administration

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A sign in Christiansburg reads “This is the Government our founders warned us about!”

LGBTQ+ rights. Immigration laws. First amendment infractions. These subjects and more were found on the signs paraded through the streets.

Hundreds of peaceful protesters lined the streets in major cities across the country with signs denouncing President Donald Trump in the sequel “No Kings” protests on Saturday October 18th. The protests have been a continued rejection of the authoritarian policies of the current president and the perceived corruption within his administration.

This most recent protest is thought to be the second largest single day protest in the United States with nearly seven million participants across all 50 states. Various demonstrations occurred throughout Virginia including in Christiansburg and Roanoke with 2500 and 3-4 thousand participants respectively. The Christiansburg protest seemed to be very peaceful, with promises of food and entertainment after the protest was scheduled to end at 4 p.m. Many of the protesters donned inflated costumes of dinosaur’s sharks and other animals, one individual had a shark costume on with a sign that read “Trump Hates America (And Sharks)” another photo on Facebook shows two women with frog outfits with a sign stating, “United for Ribberty Divided we Croak.”

Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin mobilized the Virginia National Guard before the weekend



Christiansburg protestors Photo Credit: Alexander Tso on Facebook

as a precaution which has been criticized heavily. Virginia Delegate Michael Jones who represents parts of Richmond and Chesterfield was quoted saying “We say, ‘we’re going to protest...’ What does Glenn Youngkin say? ‘We’re going to send out military troops.’ And that is the wrong response.” President Trump responded to the protest by posting an Ai generated video of him donning a crown, flying a fighter jet and deploying brown liquid from the plane onto protesters. Vice President JD Vance posted a similar Ai creation showing Donald Trump putting on a crown and pulling out a sword while prominent democrats such as Nancy Pelosi knelt in front of him.

Still image from the Ai video posted by Vice President JD Vance



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Indiana University Cuts Student Newspaper, Student Media Director Fired For Pushing Back

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Indiana University fully cut the Indiana Daily Student’s newspaper this past Tuesday, shortly after firing their student media director. Their next publication was set to go out just days later. Previously, Indiana University had directed the IDS to stop printing news coverage in their newspaper, and to only print special editions. Students are outraged and see this as a violation of their First Amendment rights.

The Dean of the Media School, David Tolchinsky, wrongfully terminated their student media director, Jim Rodenbush, after he refused to go along with the schools’ request to censor the student media outlet. In a letter sent to Rodenbush, the Dean was disrespectful and gave little explanation about his termination. Tolchinsky claimed that Rodenbush lacked “leadership”, and the “ability to work in alignment with the University’s direction for the Student Media Plan.”

Then, after students reached out in an attempt to try and work out something with the school, Indiana University cut physical print entirely. Indiana Daily Student newsstands will be empty from now on, ending a tradition seen as part of school tradition. IDS will continue to publish online articles but no longer print physical copies of their iconic newspaper.

The next edition of the IDS, scheduled to be part of its 158th year of continuous publication, now may be its last unless the university rescinds the decision.

President Zelenskyy Denied Military Aid During Latest Meeting With President Trump

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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy met with President Donald Trump on Friday to discuss receiving Tomahawk missiles, which he thinks could present a massive devastation to Russia's war economy. Zelenskyy hoped to target oil and energy facilities within Russia as they have done similar damage to Ukraine recently, but Trump failed to deliver upon Zelenskyy's request. The U.S. President instead called on both Ukraine and Russia to work on ending the war completely, claiming he hopes to resolve the war without escalating it by providing missiles to Ukraine. The President stated **"You go by the battle line, wherever it is. Otherwise, it's too complicated. You'll never be able to figure it out. You stop at the battle line... and both sides should go home, go to their families, stop the killing. And that should be it."**

Zelenskyy sought out these long-range missiles from the U.S in exchange for the thousands of production drones they have in the Ukraine. Trump has not ruled out giving these missiles to Ukraine indefinitely, but was firm in his decision that for now, he did not want to escalate the war in any way. While Zelenskyy was hopeful to receive this aid, he seemed to respect Trump's decision, stating **"It's good that President Trump didn't say 'no,' but for today, didn't say 'yes,'" and "it was also difficult to manage the situation in the Middle East, and the president was successful in it."**



Donald Trump and Volodymyr Zelenskyy on Friday October 17th Photo Credit Doug Mills/The New York Times

Though he was denied the missiles on this occasion, Zelenskyy said he thinks Russian President Vladimir Putin is afraid that Ukraine will receive and use these missiles from the U.S. President Trump had a "very productive" phone call with Putin earlier in the week, he stated that great progress was made, and that in-person talks with the Russian President are underway in efforts to end the war.

Trump has had diverging opinions on the war in the past, but especially after his contributions to a successful ceasefire between Israel and Hamas, he seems to be confident in his ability to help end the war between Russia and Ukraine. Trump optimistically said **"The war in the Middle East was far more complicated. We got that one done, and I think we have a good chance. I think President Zelenskyy wants it done, and I think President Putin wants it done."**

Staying Prepared on Campus: What is Radford Ready?

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Radford University is doubling down on safety for everyone on campus: students, faculty, staff, and visitors. The university launched “Radford Ready: Plan Today. Ready Tomorrow,” a new program that simplifies emergency prep, boosts communication, and offers quick, practical safety tools. The goal is to help Highlanders stay prepared and to make campus safer and easier to navigate in a crisis.

Taylor Childrey, the Emergency Management Specialist, describes Radford Ready as “having a plan, staying informed, and building a kit.” The program ensures that the Radford community gets their information up to date and as frequently as possible. The program also focuses on the community making a plan, knowing their emergency routes, and building a personalized kit that ensures they have enough supplies and resources to where they feel prepared for an emergency. Radford Ready was launched this semester, and to help boost awareness about the program, Radford Ready is presenting to University 100 classes, and they recently held a scavenger hunt during September for National Preparedness Month.

The program educates students on the meaning of different alerts: evacuate, shelter-in-place, and secure-in-place. They present this information in University 100 classes and through social media campaigns like Prep Tip Tuesday to ensure everyone knows what to do and feels confident.

All Radford University registered students or employees currently receive Radford Alerts to provide critical safety information, but Radford Ready wants to ensure that the community signs up for the program to make

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sure that all information is up to date.

Along with the campus program, Radford Ready has a website to provide available resources, how to make a plan, and a list of things that are needed to make a kit. The website also provides a preparedness guide which helps explain what to do in a number of emergencies. Radford Ready is a great resource for the university and student body. Keep your information up to date. Learn the alert actions, and build a basic kit so you’re prepared before emergencies happen.

Visit radford.edu/emergency-management and click Radford Ready to find key items needed for safety kits and browse the preparedness guides so you can stay up to date in the event of an emergency.



Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Tips and Resources You Should Know

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At Radford University, the SAVES office provides a safe space for students who may be experiencing domestic violence. SAVES stands for Substance and Violence Education Support. They provide free, confidential, short-term counseling services for enrolled students here on campus who experience domestic, dating, or sexual violence. Students can reach their office anytime Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm, by either visiting in person, emailing, or calling. Their office is located at the bottom of Davis Hall in room 008. They can also be reached at 540-831-5709, or saves@radford.edu. SAVES staff are not available to provide advocacy services off campus or outside of their business hours. If you are in imminent danger, call 911. If you are seeking advocacy services outside of their business hours, contact the Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley at 540-639-1123, or the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-7233. Advocates are available through this hotline 24/7.

Domestic violence is defined by the Department of Justice as 'a pattern of abusive behavior in any relationship that is used by one partner to gain/maintain power and control over another.' Domestic violence takes many forms – physical, emotional, economic, psychological, and even digital. Any threat of action or coercive behavior that influences another person's behavior is considered abuse. This includes any behaviors that intimidate, manipulate, humiliate, isolate, or injure someone.

If you think you may be a victim of domestic violence, you can reach out to SAVES to schedule an appointment for confidential

counseling services – at no cost. If your needs are beyond the scope of practice for counseling within saves, a staff member can give you a referral for other services. Students who make an appointment are typically seen on the same day or within 48 hours as requested. SAVES also offers advocacy services, which includes, but is not limited to topics such as crisis intervention, absence notification for your professors or other staff members, referrals to counseling, and reporting criminal behavior.

If you think a friend, a loved one, or someone you know might be involved in an abusive relationship, it's important to recognize the signs of domestic violence. Domestic violence can happen to anyone at any time. Domestic violence can include the threat or follow-through of physical violence, being forced into unwanted situations or actions, and limiting or cutting off relationships. If you recognize one sign, it's very possible that there may be more hidden behind closed doors. Approach with non-judgemental language and open arms and offer a safe space for them to go to. Someone may be in danger and not able to discuss their situation, so it's important not to potentially compromise their safety. Let them know that help is available and be someone they can go to.



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The Water is Wide: Chorus Concert Recap

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The Water is Wide concert was packed to the gills in the Covington Center. The theme was about water and the songs played showed how it can break down and destroy, but also that it can heal and build back up a community. The concert included songs such as *Mi Lugar*, *As By the Stream of Babylon*, *Adinu*, and *Papa Loko*.

As By the Stream of Babylon felt more tragic in a sense of a civilization coming to an end. **Tyler Widener** broke down this song by sharing that the song tells us how this great harm befalls on the people of Babylon with the fall of their empire and they transition smoothly into *Adinu*. Tyler Widener said, "... One of the great songs was *Adinu* which was sung in Arabic, it is talking about the religion of love and how love & compassion can bring people together." The choir masterfully blended these together into a transition to showcase the tragedy of Babylon first and then by last chord, a smooth transition into *Adinu* where you're told to have love and compassion for the people of Babylon.

After those more tragic songs the performers played *Papa Loko* spoken in Haitian and **Serenity Everette** delivered a solo performance that she said she "felt in her soul." *Papa Loko* is the first priest of all priests and priestess in Haitian Vodou lore and he is the healer of the people. Thus symbolizing the flourishing of a community with this song.



After the concert I was able to talk to some of the performers. **Clover Runyon** told me that they had about a month to prepare before the concert, and that even though it sounds like a short amount of time they had the amazing Choir Director **Ryan Rogers** to work with to bring the harmony and teamwork together in such a short time. Runyon said, "It was a lot of fun... I'm especially proud of *Requiem* and *Bridge Over Troubled Water*." In an interview with alto singer **Jessica Long** she said this about the theme, "...It was very emotional, I think we had a good mix of songs that were heartfelt and that go over the different struggles that various different people go through, but we also celebrated what all of us kind of go through in a lot of different ways..."

Ivan Breivik, one of the bass players admitted to almost crying during *I wandered Lonely As A Cloud*.

Visit radford.edu/cvpa to stay updated on future performances on campus.



Louvre Museum Jewel Heist Shocks French Government

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On October 19th a robbery was executed in broad daylight at the Louvre in Paris, France. The thieves were able to confiscate jewels that once belonged to Napoleon that were of “inestimable value” according to time.com sources say that four thieves entered the museum at 9:30 a.m. They used a truck mounted with a basket lift to enter the museum through a window leading to the Apollo gallery.



Graphic showing a map of the heist Photo Credit: The New York Times

Between the basket lift, the power tools used to break through the window and the plan to flee on two scooters it's clear that the four suspects are experienced. An eyewitness outside the museum even said that they tried to set the truck on fire but were ushered away from the vehicle. Due to the



The truck lift that the thieves used to scale the museum Photo Credit: Dimitar Dilkoff / AFP - Getty Images

Multiple news outlets are reporting that the heist was completed in just 7 minutes and in that time the suspects stole nine of France's crown jewels. According to NBC news the four suspects left behind the Regent Diamond, a 140 carat diamond valued at \$60 million and **if they had wandered a bit farther from that spot they would've had a shot at obtaining the Mona Lisa.**

According to the BBC, French police say that the suspects were inside for just four minutes and left on two scooters at 9:38 a.m. on Sunday. They dropped a couple items on their way from the scene including the Crown of Empress Eugénie, empress to Napoleon III, which was found broken at the scene.



Photo Credit: Stephane De Sakutin / AFP via Getty Images

uniqueness of the stolen artifacts the thieves will most likely try to melt down the jewels before selling and the French government's top priority is to find the four suspects before that happens. French President Emmanuel Macron referred to the heist as an “attack on a heritage that we cherish because it is our history.” There is debate as to whether these four suspects were commissioned by a collector, in which case they would avoid melting the jewels. **If they are truly planning to melt the jewels, then it is estimated that the French authorities will have less than a week to find the suspects if they want to keep the artifacts intact.**

Highlander Highlights: Women's Soccer Bests High Point Last Week, Loses First Conference Match to Winthrop

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In November of 2024 the Highlanders faced the High Point Panthers for a trip to the conference championship. The game was in Matthews North Carolina and High Point was the second seed in the Big South. They were tied at two goals a piece and headed to overtime. In just four minutes the Panthers had scored after a corner kick helped them get into scoring position. Ending Radford's 2024 season.

11 months later the Lady High's would get to see the Panthers again, although this time Radford would be the hosts. The Highlanders seemingly had something to prove and it showed with their offensive aggressiveness, taking eight shots in the first half compared to just three from High Point. Going in to halftime the score was knotted up at 0-0. Whatever was discussed in the locker room seemed to ignite the offense even further because in under five minutes **Lilly Short** put the Highlanders up 1-0 in just the team's second shot of the half. Later, after a corner kick in minute 55, Short once again found the back of the net to give the Highlanders a 2-0 lead. Head Coach **Ben Sohrabi** had this to say following the 2-1 win, "I was happy with the way we came out of half-time, scored two goals, and had great possessions. I was not happy with the end



#16 Ashley Loundermmon attempts a shot in a previous matchup vs. Morehead State Photo Credit: @rsimmonsphotographer on Instagram



#23 Lilly Short gets a group hug from her teammates following a made goal Photo Credit: RadfordAthletics

of the game. We gave up a goal on a set piece and didn't finish well. **We played really well but we need to make sure we finish the game better."**

The Highlanders were flying high with five wins and zero losses in conference play, until they had a date with the Eagles from Winthrop. Winthrop set the tone early, scoring in the third minute. Later, they would score their second goal in under ten minutes, putting the Highlanders down two for the remainder of the half. In the 56th minute Lilly Short would cut the deficit to one with her third goal of the week, assisted by **Paige Olson**. Unfortunately Winthrop would answer in less than five minutes. Later in the game, senior midfielder **Ashley Loundermmon** scored her first goal of the season to make the score 2-3 but it was too little too late and Winthrop held on for the victory.